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# News Release

## **HPD Investigates Robbery at Convenience Store**

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The Harrisonburg Police Department continues to investigate an afternoon robbery.

Officers received a call this afternoon at 3:54 p.m. for the report of a male, who had robbed the Exxon Convenience Store, 1735 Reservoir St.

The offender entered the store, took a cash register, and assaulted a female clerk. He also had a metal rod in his possession during the robbery and fled the store on foot.

Officers began searching the area around the store and apprehended the suspect in the 1800 block of Reservoir Street.

Gregory Maradeo, 33, was charged with robbery, wearing a mask in a public place, and attempting to escape custody.

"With the help of citizens and witness in the area, HPD was able to quickly place the suspect into custody," said Mary-Hope Vass, Public Information Officer with HPD. "People in the area were able to help point officers in the direction that the suspect was last seen running."

The victim was evaluated by rescue personnel for non-life threatening injuries.

A cash register and money belonging to the store were recovered.